

Minutes of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
May 30, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, Wisconsin

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Pocernich 6:03 pm. A roll call was taken by Scott Fibert, *County Clerk*, as follows: Rondeau-present; Goodwin-absent; Bussey-present; Fickbohm-present; Maki-present; Oswald-present; Silbert-present; Pocernich-present; Strand-present; Williams-absent; Coughtry-present; Miller-present; Crandall-present. Total 13: 11 present, 2 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for this evening's meeting: Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Administrator*; Dawn M. Bellile, *Deputy County Clerk*; Elizabeth Skulan, *DHS Director*; Jan Victorson, *Emerg. Mgmt. Coordinator*; Denise Tarasewicz, *Reg. of Deeds*; Craig Parks, *Maintenance Supervisor*; Jeff Lightner, *Custodian*; Ray Kangas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. A Moment of Silence was held in memory of Neil Paulson, *former County Board Supervisor and Chair*; and Linda Brown, *former County Board Supervisor, Chair and employee*.

Chairman Pocernich noted to the Board that the Minutes from the April 18, 2017 County Board of Supervisors' meeting were accidentally left off the agenda so they cannot be acted upon. They will be on the next agenda. As a reminder, they can be found in the Drop Box for review.

1. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-35, Bayfield County Emergency Proclamation due to Flooding. Jan Victorson gave the Board an update regarding a few towns that were affected by the floods. The towns affected were Delta, Mason and Lincoln. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, a disaster, namely heavy rains thunderstorms commencing on May 15, 2017, and continuing for several days have impacted jurisdictions within Bayfield County; *and*

WHEREAS, because damage resulting from those storms have created road damage resulting in road closures; *and*

WHEREAS, those storms were responsible for the total road closure of the Lot Across Road in the Town of Delta and Anderson Road in the Town of Mason; *and*

WHEREAS, the County Board Chairperson signed an Emergency Proclamation on the 18th day of May, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, pursuant to State Statute §323.11, proclaims a State of Emergency in effect for a duration of thirty (30) days.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Bussey/Crandall to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-35, Bayfield County Emergency Proclamation due to Flooding with a change in the last "Whereas" paragraph be changed to read: "Whereas, the County Board Chairperson signed an Emergency Proclamation on the 18th day of May, 2017." The motion carried.

2. Public Comment. None.

3. Motion Regarding Minutes of April 18th, 2017, Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Minutes. *A motion was made by Rondeau/Strand to adopt the minutes of May 31st, 2016, Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The motion carried.*

4. Greeting and Introduction of David Berard, New Assistant Dean for the Northern Zone, UW-Cooperative Extension. Abeles-Allison stated that tonight is a meet and greet to introduce David Berard to the Board. Berard is the newly appointed Assistant Dean of Extension for the northern part of the State and is the first appointee under the UW-Extension NextGen Program. Berard comes to the area with 33+ years of experience in education and with educational administration background. Abeles-Allison read his biography to the Board and then turned the meeting over to Berard.

Berard thanked Abeles-Allison for the introduction and added a bit more to his background. He stated he was very happy to have this position. He will be serving the Northern zone for the UW-Cooperative Extension New Gen and invited people to call him if they have any questions or concerns. Berard also thanked the Board for their continued support for the UW-Extension system. The Board congratulated him and thanked him for attending this evening's meeting to meet him.

At this time, Chairman Pocernich asked for permission from the Board to move Item #8 on the Agenda to discuss at this time. *A motion was made by Miller/Rondeau to move Item #8, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-37, Across the Pond Veteran's Park in Iron River next on the agenda. The motion carried.*

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WHEREAS, Bayfield County received a request to sell approximately 10 acres of County Forest land to the Across the Pond Veterans Park (hereafter, Across the Pond) in the Town of Hughes; *and*

WHEREAS, County Forest land, further described as located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ -NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 47 North, Range 9 West (see Exhibit A), in the Town of Hughes, has been identified as the parcel of interest; *and*

WHEREAS, Across the Pond intends to construct a Veterans Park on the land in question, which will be open for public use; *and*

WHEREAS, during their meeting on May 12, 2017, the Forestry and Parks Committee approved Across the Pond's project and acquisition proposal and recommended the issue be sent to the County Board for consideration; *and*

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee's recommendation to sell the land to Across the Pond was contingent upon: 1) Across the Pond receiving formal non-profit status; and 2) Across the Pond initiating construction of the Veterans Park within two years from the official transfer of said land; *and*

WHEREAS, if either of the contingencies outlined above -do not occur, the property in question shall revert to the County; *and*

WHEREAS, the sale of County Forest land currently enrolled in County Forest Law is inconsistent with the purposes set forth in ss. 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes (County Forest Law); *and*

WHEREAS, any proposal to sell County Forest land will first require filing an application to withdraw said parcel from County Forest Law; *and*

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee has recommended the sale of the above parcel for the sole purpose of establishing a public use Veterans Park, as well as the subsequent withdrawal of said land from County Forest Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, authorizes the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Administrator, on behalf of Bayfield County, to make an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 28.11(11), Wisconsin Statutes, to withdraw the real estate described above from the provisions of the County Forest Law (Section 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes), *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if the application for withdrawal from County Forest Law is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approves the sale of the above described property to Across the Pond, but only after Across the Pond provides official documentation of receiving non-profit status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Across the Pond is required to begin construction of the proposed Veterans Park within two years after the formal transfer of

said property. Failure to comply will result in said property reverting to the County upon the filing of an Affidavit by the County Administrator indicating the above contingencies have not been met.

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A copy of Exhibit "A" which is the map layout can be found in the County Clerk's office.

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The Board voted on the original motion *and the motion carried.*

6. Discussion and possible Action Regarding Space and Security Study.
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Option 1: No office changes/internal office remodeling to address security issues plus security measures across the County complex;

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The Executive Committee expressed general support for Option 1 with security enhancements. Documentation is available for review in the County Clerk's office on the other recommendations.

The Consultants went through Option 1 with the Board explaining in great detail what steps would be taken for security issues. This option is the least evasive and would solve many security issues with a few adjustments made. Discussion took place on where some of the offices would go and the cost associated with the move of a few of the offices. No action will be taken on this tonight but it will be part of the 2018 budget process.

It was also the consensus of the Board to skip Options 2 and 3, devoting time only to Option 1. Discussion on how the Board wanted to proceed from this point on. There is a lot of money involved in a project like this. Discussion went on further that it seemed rather extreme to spend this kind of money on moving offices around when it could be spent in a more meaningful area. Perhaps we need to take a few steps back and address exactly what our needs are.

A motion was made by Bussey/Silbert to send the Space and Security Study back to the Executive Committee for their recommendations to be formulated during the budget process. The Board thanked Bruce and Henry for their presentation and services to Bayfield County. Abeles-Allison stated that this is their final presentation and if anyone should have further concerns they should let him know so he can forward them on to Bruce and Henry. *The motion carried.*

2018 Budget Planning Session

7. 2018 County Budget Survey Results and Discussion. Abeles-Allison explained that Tim Kane, *UW-Ext. Educator*, will be taking over the meeting at this point to go over the survey results with the Board. Kane stated that over the past four years, Bayfield County has solicited a survey to the County's citizens, asking them a variety of questions regarding Bayfield County government and issues of importance, asking for their feedback. Through the offices of Tourism, Bayfield County Economic Development, area Chambers of Commerce the word got out and replies were sent in.

Kane went over the responses with the Board via a powerpoint presentation as follows:

Bayfield County 2018 Budget Survey Highlights

People who responded were 219 residents and/or property owners and 12 County Board Supervisors.

The questions and results are as follows:

1. In your view, what should Bayfield County government's number one budget priority be for 2018? Answers from Residents: Roads, environment, business/jobs, public safety and health. Answers from Supervisors: Roads, health.

2. Do you support the County's current focus and prioritization on maintaining its highways in the County? Answers from Residents: yes 87%, no 5%, no opinion 8%. Answers from Supervisors: Yes 92%, no 0%, no opinion 8%.

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Supervisor Rondeau left at 7:45 p.m.

8. Bayfield County Financial Picture, Major Expenditures, Financial Overview and Levy Discussion and County Board Budget Priorities for 2018. Abeles-Allison went over information via powerpoint presentation on items of concern for Bayfield County. He discussed and explained the types of funds the County has, how they are used and where departments fall within the funds. He went over budget components, the County's accounting system, tax levy and mill rate. An explanation regarding how the planning for the 2018 budget and expenses each department uses and how the all of these figures work together was given. Abeles-Allison then went over the budget planning timeline to give the Board a "head's up" of what is to come within the next few months.

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9. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-32, Adding Douglas County to the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Region. Elizabeth Skulan was present to

explain the Resolution to the Board. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Human Services has the primary responsibility for the well-being, treatment and care of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcohol and other drug dependent citizens residing within its county and for ensuring that individuals in need receive immediate services; *and*

WHEREAS, these services are provided under section 51.42 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; *and*

WHEREAS, Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas Counties recognize that making services more accessible improves treatment outcomes for consumers and is fiscally responsible; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has been expanding the Comprehensive Community Services Program and is only providing new funding to counties who will regionalize service delivery; *and*

WHEREAS, Douglas County has requested to be added to the shared services model of the Ashland, Bayfield County CCS Region to implement and provide CCS services.

WHEREAS, Ashland and Bayfield County residents will benefit in the future by having greater choice in providers who serve CCS participants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, recommends the Bayfield County Human Services Department expand the Comprehensive Community Program region and revise the existing Memorandum of Understanding to include Douglas County upon their certification under DHS 36, (anticipated date January 1, 2018).

By Action of the

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Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Crandall/Coughtry to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-32, Adding Douglas County to the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Region. Discussion as to what we are going to gain. It was reported that it 100% funded, which would allow residents to access providers closer to their homes in different regions. The motion carried.

10. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-33, To Support Retention and Expansion of Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program. Elizabeth Skulan explained the Resolution to the Board. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, it is estimated that 115,000 individuals age 65 and older are living with some form of clinically diagnosable dementia; *and*

WHEREAS, that number is expected to grow to 240,000 by 2040; *and*

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are currently approximately 391 individuals in Bayfield County living with some form of clinically diagnosable dementia, and the care and treatment of persons with dementia is now being described as a public health emergency; *and*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has made a significant commitment to persons with dementia through the critical work of the ADRC's Dementia Care Specialist Program and through its work with the Dementia Network; *and*

WHEREAS, the DCS Program strives to improve the quality of life for all those affected, including people living with memory loss and their caregivers, while helping individuals remain in the community and in their own homes, where they want to live; *and*

WHEREAS, each day that an individual can remain in the community and not in publicly funded institutional care facility, saves taxpayers an estimated \$161 per day or \$58,926 annually, making the DCS program a wise and sound investment of public dollars; *and*

WHEREAS, the ADRC of the North and the Bayfield County Local Branch Office have experienced a steady growth in contacts by customers, caregivers and professionals regarding individuals experiencing dementia; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services proposed 2017 - 2019 budget does not include funding for the DCS positions, thereby jeopardizing this valuable service to the residents of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Human Services Board assembled this 25th day of May 2017, does hereby recommend that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors support ongoing funding for these critical services and request that the state add the DCS funding as an allocation to all ADRCs in the next proposed 2017 - 2019 biennial state budget and any state budget thereafter.

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11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-30, Support WCA Efforts to Establish Statewide 911 ESInet. Jan Victorson was present to explain this Resolution to the Board. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

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WHEREAS, the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) technology allowing for modernization of 9-1-1 has been available for about 10 years; *and*

WHEREAS, efforts have been underway throughout the country to implement NG 9-1-1; *and*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current 9-1-1 network is analog, and is supported by aged equipment and technology; *and*

WHEREAS, the current 9-1-1 network retrieves location information thru slow circuits and cannot accept texts or pictures; *and*

WHEREAS, no 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Wisconsin has access to a network that supports NG9-1-1; *and*

WHEREAS, a state-hosted or funded ESInet (Emergency Service Internet) would provide local 9-1-1 PSAPs with the network needed to modernize their capabilities; *and*

WHEREAS, a statewide ESInet will cost taxpayers less than if each PSAP attempted to develop their own local system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, supports allocation of funds to development of a statewide ESInet to provide all PSAPs with the network needed to implement necessary NG9-1-1 services; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to assign a state agency to oversee NG9-1-1 and create a council of stakeholders to guide statewide efforts to move to NG9-1-1 including sustainable funding streams that enable local PSAPs to purchase and maintain NG9-1-1 capable equipment into the future.

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A motion was made by Silbert/Bussey to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-30, To Support WCA Efforts to Establish Statewide 911 ESInet. The motion carried.

12. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-34, 2017 Courtroom Equipment Budget Amendment. Abeles-Allison explained that the Resolution. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, audio/video capabilities in the courtroom are a critical component for the efficient operation of the court; *and*

WHEREAS, the 2016 Bayfield County budget included \$78,554 for AV improvements in the courtroom; *and*

WHEREAS, a portion of the project totaling \$42,513 was completed in 2016; *and*

WHEREAS, the balance of the project was completed in early 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, does hereby authorize that the 2017 budget be amended to reflect expenses originally budgeted in 2016, but not expended until 2017:

Circuit Court:

Increase Fund Balance Applied	100-00-49301	\$36,041
Increase Transfer to CIP	100-00-59430-50820	\$36,041

Increase Transfer From Other Funds	430-70-49201	\$36,041
Increase Capital Improvements	430-02-57100-50820	\$36,041

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A motion was made by Crandall/Coughtry to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-34, 2017 Courtroom Equipment Budget Amendment. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Goodwin-absent; Bussey-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Maki-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Pocernich-yes; Strand-yes; Williams-absent; Coughtry-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent. Total 13: 10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

13. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-36, Supporting an Increase in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) For County Forest Lands. Abeles-Allison explained the purpose of the Resolution. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, collectively, counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of land in Wisconsin, making County Forests the largest public ownership in the state; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin currently provides \$.30 per acre to towns with county forest property enrolled in the County Forest Land (CFL) program; *and*

WHEREAS, this \$.30 per acre goes to pay for town roads, elections and emergency services; *and*

WHEREAS, the rate of \$.30 per acre was set in 1989 and has not changed over the past 28 years; *and*

WHEREAS, costs to provide road, election and emergency services have increased dramatically since 1989; *and*

WHEREAS, the Federal Forest Payment in Lieu of Taxes is \$2 per acre; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin pays, on average, at least \$10 per acre for lands not on the tax roll but owned by the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, does hereby petition the state

WHEREAS, the balance of the project was completed in early 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, does hereby authorize that the 2017 budget be amended to reflect expenses originally budgeted in 2016, but not expended until 2017:

Circuit Court:

Increase Fund Balance Applied	100-00-49301	\$36,041
Increase Transfer to CIP	100-00-59430-50820	\$36,041

Increase Transfer From Other Funds	430-70-49201	\$36,041
Increase Capital Improvements	430-02-57100-50820	\$36,041

By Action of the

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Crandall/Coughtry to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-34, 2017 Courtroom Equipment Budget Amendment. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Goodwin-absent; Bussey-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Maki-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Pocernich-yes; Strand-yes; Williams-absent; Coughtry-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent. Total 13: 10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

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legislature and the Governor to increase the fee paid to towns from \$.30 to \$2 per acre for County Forest Land enrolled in the CFL program; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with all other counties and towns with county forests in the state of Wisconsin.

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Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Bussey/Silbert to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-36, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-36, Supporting an Increase in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) For County Forest Lands. Discussion took place on and clarification of forest land. The motion carried.

14. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2017-06, Amending Title 2-13-12, of the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Personnel Committee. Abeles-Allison explained that at the last Board meeting, the Board referred the issue of Personnel Committee authority to the Executive Committee. In consulting with Corporation Counsel, the Committee recommended some updates and a provision noting that if any member of the Personnel Committee wanted an item to go onto the full Board it would - no vote required, although a recommendation from the Board would be forwarded.

The Board dispensed with the reading of the Ordinance, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.03(2) provides that, except as elsewhere specifically provided in the statutes, the board of any county is vested with all powers of a local, legislative and administrative character; *and*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.02(2) permits the enactment of ordinances by the County Board of Supervisors; *and*

WHEREAS, Section 2-2-3, Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, authorizes County Board committees or individual supervisors to introduce proposed ordinances; *and*

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Bayfield that the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Amending Sec. 2-3-12 Personnel Committee.

(a) **Composition.** The Personnel Committee shall be comprised as prescribed by Section 2-3-1(b).

(b) **Duties.** The Personnel Committee shall hear all personnel matters not otherwise proscribed to the County Administrator in Wis. Stat. § 59.18, which shall include the following:

- (1) Conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the County.
- (2) Formulate and mediate personnel policy in conjunction with the unions representing County employees.
- (3) Authorize new positions subject to the approval of the County Board as part of the budgetary process.
- (4) Be responsible for the hiring and firing of County employees who do not serve under a department or office supervised by the County Board committee.
- ~~(5) Hear grievances which have not been settled by a department head or standing committee.~~
- (5) Hear all requests for adjustments in salary or working conditions or for reclassifications, provided that if the department or office of the employee making such request is supervised by a standing committee, the request must first be approved by the standing committee.
- (6) Develop, review annually and update as necessary a personnel policy encompassing the needs of the County and any union contracts to which the County is a party. The document shall be distributed to each department head and each County Board member.
- (c) Any action taken by the committee shall be subject to the review and approval of the County Board of Supervisors if requested by any one member of the Personnel Committee Member at the Personnel Committee meeting when the action took place.

Section 2. Except as specifically modified and amended by this ordinance, the Bayfield County Code of Ordinance shall remain in force and effect exactly as originally adopted and previously amended. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contravention of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. If a court of competent jurisdiction adjudges any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

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Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
 Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

A motion was made by Miller/Maki to adopt Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2017-06, Amending Title 2-13-12, of the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Personnel Committee with the following changes: (b) changing the word proscribed to "delegated; In (c) change Personal to Personnel. Discussion took place on items that are controversial should be brought to the full Board. If it is something that will have a significant impact on the County or its employees it should be weighed in by all Supervisors. Discussion on Committees that do not have to come to the full Board as they have statutory authority. Perhaps the rule of bringing items to the full Board should apply to other committees as well. We need to have a mechanism to work. 3 County Board supervisors should not have the authority to impact on what is done for the entire County which would be the case on Committee level. This Ordinance would help address that issue.

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It was mentioned that in some cases, issues rise to a higher degree of importance which should be directed to the full Board. In the particular case of the actions in Highway, it was felt that it should have been heard by the full Board. After a lengthy discussion on the topic, a roll call vote was taken as follows: Suggested that supervisors use their discretion at their meetings to see if it should be. A roll call vote was taken as follows: *Bussey-yes; Fickbohm-no; Maki-no; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Pocernich-no; Strand-yes; Williams-absent; Coughtry-no; Miller-yes; Crandall-no; Rondeau-absent; Goodwin-absent. Total 13: 5 yes, 5 no, 3 absent. The motion failed.*

15. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding WCA Platform Resolutions.

Abeles-Allison reported that June 25th is the deadline for WCA platform issues. If any of the Supervisors have any ideas over the next few days, please share them with him. Discussion took place on whether a person could resubmit a topic they had previously. Supervisor Silbert had placed 3 on last year that were approved. They would still be appropriate for this year since they are topics of local control for zoning and protection for water resources. Silbert felt it would be prudent to resubmit since they are still important to us this year.

16. Administrator's Report:

- a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:
 - ✓ June 20th; July 25th; August 29th;
 - ✓ Reminder of the County's summer picnic on June 14th ;
 - ✓ Discussion on meeting in the Southern Part of Bayfield County for a summer County Board Meeting in July or August.
- b) NACO 2018 Budget Analysis was shared. There are impacts that could impact Bayfield County and its residents which the County could not make up. Please take a look at the proposal.
- c) **Discussion Regarding Business Park Road Design and Marketing Efforts;** The Executive Committee approved the design for the road in the business park. Discussion that the road will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000 which would include 3/4mile paved road, drainage, culvert, etc. The Executive Committee did talk about having the Highway Department construct the road which would save dollars. This is still in the planning stages.

17. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Northern Lights Bond Interest Payment. Abeles-Allison, Supervisor Silbert and Maki attended a meeting with the Northern Lights Board. They received their financial forecast from their auditors. They are still waiting for the 2016 audit. The County Board stated their concern about future payments for bonding. Abeles-Allison stated that a letter was written on Friday, May 26th stating they would be unable to make their interest payment on the outstanding bonds. The 2017 budget was constructed around the interest payment from the Nursing Home, as the interest payments are part of the monies that go into the Highway Budget for highway repairs. The Northern Lights Board has expressed an interest in coming to the next

Executive Committee meeting and also to the full Board meeting on June 20th. Abeles-Allison stated he has asked Corporation Counsel to review the letter and to give us his recommendation regarding the issue at hand.

On the brighter side, Northern Lights was approved for the Veteran's care which is a huge benefit for our area. The facility also received a 5-star rating for the services they provide. Their basic problem is not being able to bill medicare patients the same amount as regular patients. They can't recupe the dollars necessary to operate and take a hit for that. We all agree, that the Northern Lights needs to be kept in Bayfield County, but changes need to be made.

A motion was made by Maki/Crandall to pay the interest on the Northern Lights Note from County funds which is due June 1st. Discussion on the whole situation took place. It was mentioned as to whether or not a resolution should be drafted and sent to Wisconsin Counties Association for some input on medicare patient reimbursement. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Fickbohm-yes; Maki-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Pocernich-yes; Strand-yes; Williams-absent; Coughtry-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Goodwin-absent; Bussey-yes. Total 13: 10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent. The motion carried.

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